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SUBJECT:SCHEDULE III - BRAZIL

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1. GATT SECRETARIAT APPARENTLY ENCOUNTERED SAME DIFFICULTIES AS WASHINGTON IN ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE BOUND ITEMS AND RATES IN GATT DOCUMENTS SECRET/187/ADD. 1 - 14 (S/187) WITH EXISTING BRAZILIAN TARIFF SCHEDULE. BOUND RATES IN S/187 ARE BY SEVEN-DIGIT LINE ITEMS (4 DIGIT BTN HEADINGS AND 3 DIGIT SUBHEADINGS) WHILE CURRENT BRAZILIAN TARIFF SCHEDULE COMPRISES EIGHT-DIGIT LINE ITEMS (4 DIGIT BTN HEADINGS AND 4 DIGIT SUBHEADINGS). VIRTUALLY ALL THE SUBHEADINGS NOW HAVE DIFFERENT NUMBERS AND IN MANY INSTANCES THE 4 DIGIT BTN HEADINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN CHANGED.

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2. WASHINGTON UNAWARE THAT THIS SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION IN

BRAZIL'S TARIFF SCHEDULE, AND THEREFORE IN USEFULNESS OF S/187 DOCUMENTS, WAS NOTIFIED TO THE GATT, ALTHOUGH THE REPORTED UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO COMPILE CONSOLIDATED

SCHEDULE III - BRAZIL BY THE SECRETARIAT INDICATES SECRETARIAT COGNIZANT OF PROBLEM. SEVERAL GATT DOCUMENTS DOCITEA BRAZILIAN DECREE OF NOVEMBER 1966 WHICH INDICATES A CHANGE IN THE BRAZILAIN TARIFF SCHEDULE TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS OF 1 MARCH 1967 BUT NOWHERE IS THE EXACT NATURE OF THIS CHANGE SPELLED OUT, I.E., WE DO NOT KNOW IF ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS WHICH TERMINATED IN MAY 1974 PROCEEDED ON BASIS OF OLD BRAZILIAN SCHEDULE EVEN AFTER NEW SCHEDULE WAS IMPLEMENTED.

3. WITHDRAWALS NOTIFIED BY BRAZIL IN L/4191 AND L/4191/ADD. 1 INDICATE THAT AT LEAST SOME CONCORDANCES BETWEEN THE SEVEN DIGIT AND EIGHT DIGIT NOMENCLATURE HAVE BEEN MADE BY BRAZIL.

4. EMBASSY AND/OR CONSULATE REQUESTED TO TRY TO SECURE REVISED SCHEDULE OF ITEMS BOUND TO U.S. ONLY, OR IF THAT NOT AVAILABLE, A CONCORDANCE BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW TARIFF NUMBERING SYSTEMS. SISCO

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